

## KNOCKING AT THE DOOR

## For Admission Into the Union.

Interesting Interview With Senator Saunders, Chairman of the Committee on Territories.

## New Mexico and Dakota to Make Application for Admission into the Union.

Denver Republican, Sept. 1.

The Hon. Alvin Saunders, a member of the United States senate from the neighboring state of Nebraska, is in the city. A Republican reporter waited upon him yesterday afternoon, in the office of the United States internal revenue collector, J. S. Wolfe. Senator Saunders is a gentleman of the thorough-going western type, courteous and affable. He was found to be very willing to give to the people anything that might be of interest to them concerning the aims and objects of his trip through the west.

Senator Saunders is on the senate committee on Indian affairs and on that of railroads. He also holds the very important position of chairman of the committee on territories. All three of these are very important western committees, and cover a field of labor for which, by reason of his long residence in the west, the gentleman is well fitted. He has just returned from a visit to Santa Fe, Albuquerque and other points of interest in New Mexico and Southern Colorado. He expressed himself as pleasantly surprised with the evidences of rapid growth and prosperity which he witnessed upon every hand. During his stay in New Mexico he visited several large cattle ranches, and learned something of the life of the cowboy.

"Senator Saunders," said the reporter, "is your visit to Colorado and New Mexico made in the interest of your official duties as United States senator?"

"Yes, sir. It is very probable that during the next session of congress very important matters will come before the various committees of which I am a member on the questions of dividing territories, the admission of new states, upon Indian affairs and upon western railroads. I wished to inform myself upon these subjects by personal observation. I have already visited New Mexico, and will yet visit Dakota, both of which will probably apply for admission next winter. During the past session of congress I was instrumental in introducing a bill providing for the division of Dakota into two territories, with an eye to the admission of the southern part of it into the Union as a state. Owing to the dead-lock arising from the Conkling-Garfield troubles, and the press of other public business, we did not reach it. Early in the coming session it will come up, and I am of the opinion that Dakota will be divided and the southern part of it made a state of the Union."

The question was then asked if New Mexico would apply for admission as a state.

"I think it probable that New Mexico will make such an application next winter. There is a desire on the part of what we call the American population that their territory become a state. The feeling of the Mexicans, however, is mostly that of apathy. I am in favor of every territory being admitted as a state as soon as it arrives at that point of development where it is fully capable of managing its own affairs. I hardly believe that New Mexico has arrived at that point yet. Consequently, I hardly believe that New Mexico will become a state for a time yet. It is not desirable to permit a territory to become one of these United States until it is actually prepared to become such. It is more of an injury than a benefit to the people living within the territory. You know Nevada was admitted soon enough."

The last sentence was spoken with a faint, upward slide of the voice, interrogatively, as it were. The senator was a member of the senate committee appointed two years ago or more to investigate the practicability of turning the Indians over to the care of the war department. While upon that committee he traveled quite extensively among the Indians in the Indian Territory and other sections of the west. He spoke at length upon the Indian question, and of its rapid and permanent settlement by immigration. He spoke of his surprise at the strong hold the Mormons had made, and their rapid spread in the territories of Idaho, Arizona, and even in New Mexico.

Senator Saunders is fully alive to the importance and magnitude of this question. He realizes what many do not, how actively, how keenly, these people believe their faith, and how firmly the majority of them men and women alike, more especially the women, even those in polygamy, believe in the justness and holiness of the practices of their religion. He realizes, too, how immensely these facts add to the complications of the matter. Senator Saunders is a tall, portly, elderly gentleman, of fine presence and seems to be enjoying his visit in the west to the utmost.

## Blair Brief.

Correspondence of The Bee.

BLAIR, September 5.—While the drouth of the last five weeks has been very disagreeable and unhealthy, yet the crop of corn and potatoes are doing well, the corn in this county being a good crop and many of the fields being out of the way of frost. The district fair, to be held at Oakland, Burt county, commences to-day, and from all reports there will be a good attendance and display of products from all the counties.

The prospects are good for a lively campaign this fall in this county. In all probability there will be three tickets in the field, owing to the split in the republican party of this county. The democrats now have an organ in the shape of a paper just started by Messrs. Bliss and Sampson, to be known as "The Washington County Democrat." With the three papers, each supporting a ticket of its own in

the county, your correspondent is looking forward to a pretty lively time.

The Pilot has a new steam press. Dr. Glover, from Bell Creek, reports that lively little town in a flourishing condition.

The Blair schools commence the fall term this morning, with Prof. Hake, lately from Ohio, as principal. The new union depot is now completed and is one of the finest on the road. The freight depot on the C., St. P., M. & O. road, is nearly finished.

Notwithstanding the advance in material the building boom is still "booming."

An excursion train will go from Blair to-day to the reunion at Lincoln. About twenty-five of the veterans of this county will go.

## AN INFERNAL MACHINE.

Attempted Execution of a Fiendish Conspiracy Against Judge Pendergast and His Family in Leadville.

Leadville Democrat.

Thirty minutes after midnight yesterday morning, and when the darkness was at its height, the silent air was rent by a terrible report, that was attended by the vibrations of a thunderbolt. Windows were raised and doors swung back violently as half-dressed forms peered out in wonderment. The sound was located in the west portion of the city, and in this direction the police bent their hurried footsteps, with the reporters of the morning papers in vigorous pursuit. The only thing that the excited citizens had recourse to was conjecture. With this license various solutions were offered, and while a number were plausible the reporter rejected them and no reference was made, save the bare announcement of an explosion. Night passed and the explanation was furnished by the occupants of Judge Pendergast's house, on the corner of Seventh street and Pine.

The startling reports that an effort had been made to dispatch Judge Pendergast to the dominions of death, invited a large crowd to his residence. The front of the house was the picture of dissolution, and every pane of glass was shattered from the bay window; the hinges of the gate were disjoined and it laid upon the ground in the midst of dirt and boards, the nails that had held the weather-boards to the house were extracted by the violence of some concussion and it looked as if a bombshell had visited the place. The reporter called upon Judge Pendergast at once and announced his errand; the gentleman very generously narrated the details of the affair. He said that about 10 o'clock on Friday night he disrobed and retired with a number of papers beside him. He read for some time, and getting into a semi-slumber, he indistinctly heard the clock strike 11. He looked up and asking his wife, who was sleeping in the room, he suggested something in reference to the hour, and turning over was soon sound asleep. He knew no more until half-past twelve o'clock, when he was aroused by a tremendous shock, and the house trembling convulsively. Springing from his bed, he inserted his feet into his slippers, and seizing his revolver he rushed out of the door and ran around the house. No one was to be seen, and returning to the house, he found his wife in position of the utmost terror. The glass had been knocked from the window, and after making an examination, the judge finally concluded that some one had hurled a stick of wood through the window. He tried to convince Mrs. Pendergast that this was the extent of the disturbance, but her excitement and fright could not be appeased, and she declined to lie down any more that night. The explosion was too formidable to convince her that it was no more than the collision of a stick of wood with the window, and she suspected at first that it was the attempt to consummate some fiendish design against her husband. The excitement gradually abated, and returning to her bed, she slept until morning. Shortly after sunrise, Judge Pendergast walked out of the door, and as the wreck of the fence confronted him, he started back with a shudder.

The ground was plowed up in deep furrows, and quite a hole was visible near where the gate post had stood. It was quite evident to him then that the explosion was the thundered alarm of some foul conspiracy against the life of himself and wife. He looked into the wreck carefully, and then glancing around, found the ground showered with glass. There was the streaks of powder upon the gate post, and the evidence justified the conclusion that some one had attempted to imitate the Russian plan of detroning czars, and had purposed to blow him out of time into eternity. He returned to the house, and summoning his wife as a witness, they reviewed the disaster. Upon the side of the house the plastering was broken in several large seams, and upon the carpet was a large amount of dirt and pieces of wood. Near the spot where the gate-post had stood was a hole large enough to admit a finger. In this was the stub of a tallow candle and the charred remains of a fuse. This was the most important witness in all the surroundings, and it is now preserved. There was no doubt now that the assassins had been there with their infernal machine, and the judge repaired to the police headquarters at once and made his report. It is his impression that some one was trying to kill him, but when he first awoke he said that he thought that some one had thrown a stick of wood through the window. Mrs. Pendergast said that she at once conceived the idea of a visit from thieves, and that in making a hurried escape they had collided with a chandelier in the parlor and knocked it down.

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## POM LOGY.

Meeting in Its Interest By the South Platte Society.

A Very Entertaining Session is the Result.

Correspondence of The Bee.

Proceedings of the Nebraska South Platte Pomological Society:

In January, 1881, a number of prominent fruit growers in the South Platte region of Nebraska, assembled in the office of Judge Mason, at Lincoln, for the purpose of organizing a society for the advancement of the interest in pomology. It was considered that there was sufficient difference in the seasons of the ripening of fruits in the North and South Platte regions to justify the forming of two societies. The object of the society was to meet at such times as the different kinds of fruit begin to ripen, bringing them for exhibition and discussing their merits. It was decided that by comprising a smaller territory than that of the state society more meetings could be held during the season. An annual meeting is to be held each January. Other meetings are subject to the call of a board of trustees. By their authority the president, J. H. Masters, called a meeting in August, 1881, at Lincoln. Quite a good number were present from different parts of the state, who brought fruits for exhibition, some to be named and others to have the relative merits of the different varieties tested.

The president stated that the American Pomological society had appointed him chairman of a committee which was to select, for the purpose of reviewing the list of fruits published by that society, as best adapted to cultivation in Nebraska.

He stated that he would appoint those present as that committee, who immediately took up the list of fruits, giving them such a standard as more recent experiments had demonstrated, or leaving them as per list. The fruits that were best adapted to Nebraska soil and most worthy of cultivation were designated by \* \* \*. Those less favored, but yet worthy of cultivation, were designated by \*. Those recommended for trial were designated by ?.

Below will be found a list of apples given \* \* \*:

Ben Davis, Buffington's Early, Red June, Cooper's Early, White Domine, Duchess, Famous, Grimes' Golden, Sweet June, Jonathan, Reswick, Codling, Lowell, Maiden's Blush, Rawls, Jennet, Red Astrichan, Roman's Stem, Smith's Cider, White Winter, Pearmain, Williams' Favorite and Wine Sap.

Those given \* were Bailey's sweets, Buckingham, Shenango, Strawberry, Cole's Quince, Dyer, Evening Party, Fall Pippin, Gilpin, Jersey Sweet, Mill, Mann Apple, Northern Spy, Nonpareil, Otter Red Streaks, Peck's Pleasant, Perry Russett, Porter, Priokle, Rambo, Rome Beauty, Shokley, Sops of Wine, Summer Queen, Swan, Tallman Sweet and Wagner.

Those given ? were Calvert, Early Joe, Sauver and Ortleby.

The following were taken from the list: Clyde Beauty, Early Strawberry, Spitzbergen, Fall Wine, Gabriell, Haworth, Hubert's Nonpareil, King of Tompkins County, Fryer's Red Canada, Roman's of the South, Summer Bell, and Summer Sweet Paradise.

Among crab apples the Hyscock was given \*, Orion and Pawnee ? Transcendent taken from the list.

Among apricots the Large Early and Moor Parks were given \*.

The Breda Hemskirke and Peach were given \*.

The changes in peaches are Crawford Late, given ?; Crawford Early taken from the list.

In cherries—Belle de Maynefeke, Rinehortene, English Morello, \*, Early Richmond, May Duke and Belle de Choisy, \*.

The Plumstone Murello and Don Morio were taken from the list.

Some minor changes were made in the other fruits. Mr. Barnard recommended the Russian mulberry as worthy of cultivation, both for its fruit and timber. Mr. Sugart said he could endorse Mr. Barnard's recommendation, as he had three varieties, viz: red, white and black, in bearing, and stated that the trees grew nearly as fast as a cottonwood. His trees were bearing fruit at four years of age.

The president called the attention of the committee to an article which appeared in the Nebraska State Journal, treating on the catapla cata tree, in which the writer claimed it was not suitable to our climate or upland culture. He thought the article capable of doing much harm, as it was misleading in the statements made. The variety speciosa is especially adapted to upland culture, and from his experience and from what information he had obtained from others, he considered it a perfectly hardy tree, and one of the most promising for timber in the west.

He further stated that the catapla bigonoides was not hardy, and that many tree planters had been imposed upon by this variety. All present had experimented with the tree more or less, and heartily concurred in the remarks of the president. The society then adjourned, to meet subject to the call of the board of trustees.

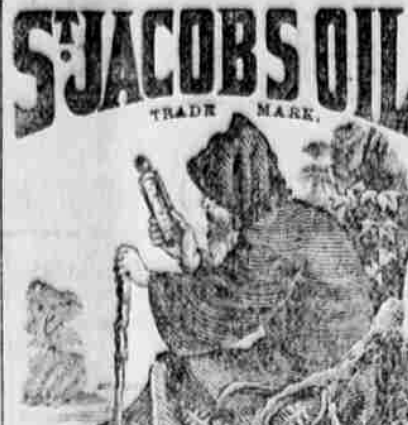
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